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C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 2437

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, TH, CE

SUBJ: THAILAND'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA

REF: BANGKOK 15442 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REFTEL; LOOKS FORWARD TO ARRIVAL OF
AMB. AMPHA.

2. MEANWHILE, PERMANENT THAI CHARGE IN COLOMBO, SETH HER-
ABAT, TELLS US HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ORDERS FROM BANGKOK
AND DOES NOT KNOW HIS TRAVEL TIMING. IT IS GENERALLY UNDER-
STOOD HE IS TO BE POSTED AS THAI AMBASSADOR TO LAOS.

3. HERABAT HAS BEEN HERE SINCE JULY 1975. WE HAVE FOUND
HIM AND HIS WIFE EXTREMELY FRIENDLY (ALTHOUGH A BIT SHY AT
FIRST) AND QUITE POPULAR IN THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS
DESPITE ABSENCE OF AMBASSADORIAL RANK (COLOMBO HAS HERETO-
FORT BEEN COVERED BY THE THAI AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI). WE

HAVE FOUND HIM NO INTELLECTUAL HEAVYWEIGHT, BUT HIS ENGLISH IS
IMPROVING AND IS REASONABLY GOOD. IT ALMOST SEEMS THAT HIS
MAIN PREOCCUPATION HERE HAS BEEN ARRANGING VISITS BACK AND
FORTH OF BUDDHIST MONKS, AS THAI-SRI LANKAN RELATIONS HAVE
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NOT BEEN ALL THAT CLOSE. HE HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN INDON-
ESIA, LONDON (1960-65) AND ROME (1967-73).

4. HERABAT IS IN HIS MID-40'S AND IS SAID TO BE FAIRLY
WEALTHY AND VAGUELY RELATED TO THE THAI ROYAL FAMILY. HIS
WIFE PRANIT IS FRIENDLY AND HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR; HER
ENGLISH IS IMPROVING. THEIR DAUGHTER BUSPA IS CURRENTLY

STUDYING AT A LOS ANGELES UNIVERSITY ALTHOUGH HER PARENTS
ARE CONCERNED WITH THE EXPENSE AND WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER
TO BE THE TEMPTATIONS OF U.S. UNIVERSITY LIFE.
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